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Dear Dr. Nordstrom:

I have had the opportunity of discussing your letter of January 10, and its enclosures, with officers in the Bureau and with other interested officials in the Department. Although I lack definite answers to most of the questions you raised, I thought you might like to have this "interim report".

The Mayer and MacNeill reports have arrived and have been well received. The secret portion of the MacNeill report has been marked for special attention by the Department of the Army.

As you know there is discussion of the powers to be retained if a contractual agreement is negotiated with Germany. The role of the Military Security Board in the exercise of any controls to be retained is also a subject of discussion. Until these matters reach a more definite stage it is impossible to provide you with comment which would present the position of the Bureau or the Department. However, I have distributed copies of your letter of January 10 and its enclosures to officers in the Bureau who are considering these problems. In this manner the most interested persons have been informed of your views. I believe that this is about the most that I can accomplish for you at the present time.

The proposal of Dr. Coster that the Russkalinische Wochenspiegel be freely circulated in the Soviet Zone and used as a medium for spreading scientific propaganda has been discussed with officers in GSB, who recommend that you submit this plan to PERCO for consideration. They are of the opinion that the idea has decided merit but are inclined to believe that your participation in such a project would prejudice the normal functions of the Military Security Board.

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 Military Security Board,  
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Kordbeck has been working hard to secure personnel for you but with no results thus far. He has prepared an answer to your telegram 829 of December 12 which states that the personnel will not be made available and therefore the program should be reduced. We are asking the agencies concerned to agree to the message before sending it to you. We feel this will either produce the personnel very shortly or permit you to reduce the program.

Sincerely,

John R. Kennedy  
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Bureau of German Affairs

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